

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A scribing line forming mechanism comprising:
 - a scribing line forming means being structured so as to form a scribing line on a substrate by contacting the substrate, and the scribing line forming mechanism ~~means~~ is configured to move on a surface of the substrate and to form the scribing line on the surface of the substrate along a movement path line of the scribing line forming mechanism ~~means~~;
 - a supporting means for supporting the scribing line forming means such that the scribing line forming means is turnable about a first turning axis, the supporting means being structured so as to be turnable about a second turning axis, the second turning axis being different from the first turning axis, wherein
 - the axial center of the first turning axis and the axial center of the second turning axis are approximately in parallel, and
 - the axial center of the second turning axis is distant by a predetermined interval from a portion where the substrate and the scribing line forming means contact each other and the axial center of the second turning ~~tuning~~ axis is substantially perpendicular to a surface of the substrate.
2. (Original) A scribing line forming mechanism according to claim 1, wherein the scribing line forming means includes a cutter wheel, and
 - the supporting means includes a cutter supporting means for the cutter wheel such that the cutter wheel is rotatable.
3. (Original) A scribing line forming mechanism according to claim 1, wherein the supporting means includes a bearing for supporting the scribing line forming means.
4. (Original) A scribing head comprising:
 - a scribing line forming mechanism according to claim 1; and

a pressure application means for applying a pressure force to the scribing line forming mechanism in order to press the scribing line forming means onto the substrate.

5. (Previously Presented) A scribing head according to claim 4, further comprising
- a first supporting means for supporting the supporting means such that the supporting means is turnable about the second turning axis; and
 - a restraining means for restricting a movement of the scribing line forming means towards the substrate, wherein
- the first supporting means is structured so as to be turnable about a third turning axis, the third turning axis having an axial center substantially perpendicular to the axial center of the second turning axis,
 - the restraining means is structured so as restrain the turning of the first supporting means about the third turning axis and such that a portion of the first supporting means contacts the restraining means.

6. (Original) A scribing head according to claim 5, wherein the first supporting means includes a turning restriction means for restricting the turning of the supporting means about the second turning axis.

7. (Original) A scribing head according to claim 6, wherein the turning restriction means is formed in a portion of the first supporting means so as to accommodate at least a portion of the scribing line forming means.

8. (Original) A scribing apparatus comprising:
- a scribing head according to claim 4; and
 - a moving means for moving the scribing head on a surface, the surface being approximately parallel to the substrate, such that the scribing line forming means forms the scribing line on the substrate.